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1. Soviet troops were engaged in large-scale fall exercises in the Bitterfeld (M 52/E 14)-Delitzsch-Dueben area and Koethen (M 52/D 95) between 18 and 21 September 1951. Numerous jet planes participated in the exercises in the Dessau (M 52/E 17)-Koethen-Bitterfeld area.

2. Motor vehicles seen en route to Bitterfeld from the direction of Zoerbig (M 52/E 04) in the morning of 18 September

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Several motor vehicles were noticed in the evening of the same day, going from Bitterfeld to Zoerbig. Sedans occupied by generals drove to Koethen from the direction of Bitterfeld on 20 September. An engineer unit with pontoons moved from Bitterfeld toward Zoerbig on the evening of the same day.

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- \* Comment. This is the first information on field exercises in this area. It is possible that three trains, carrying troops from Luckenwalde to Bitterfeld on 9 and 18 September 1951, may have been associated with these exercises. However, none of the motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to units from the Luckenwalde area. The vehicles concerned belong to the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, to headquarters units, to engineer units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and to the 20th Gds Mecz Div while the sedans occupied by the generals, belong to the GORP.

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Further information is required to determine whether the exercises mentioned in the present report are actually large-scale fall maneuvers, in which, for instance, components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, which were unloaded about 16 and 17 September 1951, are participating.

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